(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Enquiry Committee has suggested remedial steps to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. However, the representatives of the Delhi University Researchers' Association gave written Statement only about two students of the Botany Department who were allegedly harassed in the past.

(f) The Committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to look into the circumstances of the death of Miss Rajani Parashar, however, felt that the case had medico-legal aspect, which could be properly enquired into only by the Law and Order Authorities. The University has entrusted this case to the C.B.I. for investigation. The investigaton is in progress.

Study on Agranulocytosis and Aplastic Anaemia

924. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a Seven year study on two killer diseases agranulocytosis (bone marrow malfunction) and aplastic anaemia—conducted by the Boston University School of Medicine, U.S.A.; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Agranulocytosis and aplastic anaemia associated with Leukaemia has been treated by removing bone marrow of the patient and treating it with anticancer drugs outside the body. The bone marrow is subsequently reimplanted into the patient's body. The procedure has been tested by Dr. Andrew Yeager of the Johnse Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore. They have successfully treated 11 patients by such method. These patients have been reported to be free of the disease for about a year.

Posts Lying Vacant in Railways

925. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) how many posts are lying vacant in the Railways as on 1st July, 1986;

(b) whether these posts are likely to be filled up;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) whether the Railways contemplate to put a curb on recruitment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

News Items-'Racket at Moti Bagh Hospital of NDMC'

926. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of 9th July, 1986 under the caption "Racket at NDMC's Moti Bagh Hospital";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted into the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken, if any, against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news report deals with short supply and mal-practices in issue of medicines, wrong dispensation and shortage of 70 mm X-ray films at the New Delhi Municipal Committee Hospital.

(c) and (d) The New Delhi Municipal Committee has conducted an investigation and found that all the essential and life-saving drugs were available in the Hospital. Regarding the four medicines reported to have been prescribed and which were not available, it has been stated by the NDMC that all the four medicines had its substitutes available in sufficient quantity. There was no shortage of X-ray films as reported.

National Highways in Madhya Pradesh

927. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the length of National Highways Network in Madhya Pradesh and in other States of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that no substantial length of new National Highways has been added in Madhya Pradesh for more than 20 years;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to declare new roads as National Highways in Madhya Pradesh;

(d) whether the National Transport Policy Committee has recommended for declaration of some more National Highways in Madhya Pradesh; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A statement is attached. (*See* Statement-I below).

(b) A length of 66 Kms. was added to the National Highways network in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) Due to financial constraints, it is not possible to make new additions to National Highways System in Madhya Pradesh at present.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Details are given in Statement—II.